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#### **Meetings this week:**

Planning Board, Feb. 23, 7 p.m.

The Planning Board will hold a regular meeting on

Friday, February 19, 2016



# School vacation week fun at the Dover Public Library

The Dover Public Library is your source for free entertainment for school vacation week, from Feb. 20-27.

The following screenings and special events are planned for the week:

Saturday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m. - <u>Screening of "Minions"</u> (rated PG, 1 hour and 31 minutes)

Monday, Feb. 22, 2-4 p.m. - "Boredom Busters" - Board and card games, building challenges, crafts, and snacks. Come meet old friends and make new ones. Stock up on books and

DVDs for the week and you won't be hearing, "mom (or dad), there's nothing to do!"

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 10:30 a.m. - "Up, Up, & Away" with Mad Science. The fun, zany, and entertaining Mad Scientist

Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, <u>click here</u>.

City Council, Feb. 24, 7 p.m.

The City Council will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016, at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, click here.

A workshop session will follow the meeting. The workshop agenda can be viewed here.

To view televised meetings online, on demand, visit www.dover.nh.gov/dntv.

For a complete list of upcoming meetings visit the meeting calendar page.



#### CITY OF DOVER, NH

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City Hall hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Recycling Center hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from Mad Science will be teaching us about that much misunderstood state of matter: gas! Volunteers from the audience attempt to pull apart the amazing Madgeburg sphere, launch a hot air balloon, and use Papa vortex to put out a candelabrum. This event concludes with a ride on the Mad Science Hovercraft for a lucky volunteer.

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1 to 8 p.m. - <u>Star Wars marathon.</u> Join the library anytime between 1 and 8 p.m. to watch the three original Star Wars movies. "A New Hope" will begin at 1 p.m., "The Empire Strikes Back" begins at 3:15 p.m., and "The Return of the Jedi" begins at 5:30 p.m. Popcorn and refreshments will be served.

**Thursday, Feb. 25, 1 p.m.** - Two activities with the STEMbassadors from UNH's College of Engineering and Physical Sciences.

"Design a Theme Park Ride" is an activity for fourth and fifth graders. In groups, students will design a theme park ride that will drop as fast as possible while keeping riders safely inside the ride using various materials provided. There will be other constraints to make the design activity challenging. With the help of UNH engineers, students will learn the various steps required for good engineering - ask, imagine, build, test, and improve. This activity will address mechanical engineering, designing, teamwork, and time management.

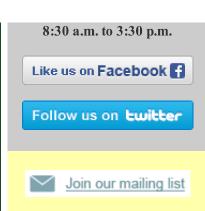
"Does it Float?" is an activity for sixth and seventh graders. In this group, hands-on activity, students will learn about buoyancy and design by building and testing tinfoil boats in water tanks. Students will be called upon to design and build their boat to hold the most weight while remaining afloat.

Both STEMbassadors events are limited to 20 students so sign-up is necessary. Check with the libary for availability at 603-516-6050, or register online at http://www.eventkeeper.com/code/events.cfm? curOrg=DOVER.

Friday, Feb. 26, 2-3 p.m. - Wildlife Encounters. Meet some animals up close and personal. The educators from Wildlife Encounters in Rochester will bring a variety of animal ambassadors: some with scales, some with fur, and some with wings. We will learn all about these amazing creatures and even get interactive with a few. Don't miss this wild time at the library.

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2 p.m. - <u>Screening of "The Good Dinosaur"</u> (rated PG, 1 hour and 33 minutes).

Call the library at 603-516-6050 for more information on any of these free programs.



# Stay of social with your City

Want the latest news and important information about your city? Check out the City of Dover's official **Facebook page** and **twitter feed** for the latest updates.

# City to hold informational meeting on Keating and Birchwood neighborhood improvements

As part of the City's Capital Improvements Plan, the Keating and Birchwood neighborhood is scheduled for roadway construction and improvements. This area consists of Hayes Lane, Keating Avenue, Renaud Avenue, Shamrock Lane. Birchwood Place and Emmet Road.

A neighborhood meeting about the project is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 6 p.m., at Community Services, 271 Mast Road.

The project includes upgrades to utilities, drainage improvements, streetscape improvements, sidewalks, and some traffic calming measures.

Engineered design plans for the project are expected later this year, with construction possibly beginning in the spring of 2017.

The neighborhood meeting is part of the preliminary design phase and is held to gather feedback and ideas from residents and community members.

The meeting will include a description of of proposed improvements and time for questions and answers with project engineers and City staff.

For more information, contact Community Services at 516-6450.



# Masons hold cornerstone ceremony for new police facility

Masons from across the state and the two Dover lodges, Moses Paul #96 and Strafford Lodge #29, recently held a cornerstone dedication ceremony for the new police facility and parking garage.

The ceremony, held on Feb. 10 at the new police facility on Chestnut Street, was officiated by John F. Gordon, Grand Master of the State of New Hampshire Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; David Akridge of the Moses Paul Lodge; and Michael Steward II of the Strafford Lodge.

After the formal ceremony, Dover Mayor Karen Weston, Deputy Mayor Robert Carrier and Police Chief Anthony Colarusso addressed the audience.

The new police facility is scheduled to open in March. The new parking garage opened to the public in November 2015.

The entire ceremony and proceedings can be seen on Channel 22 and online here.



### City of Dover seeks volunteers for Master Plan update

Wondering how you can help shape Dover's future? Volunteer to help guide the latest chapter of the City of Dover's Master Plan.

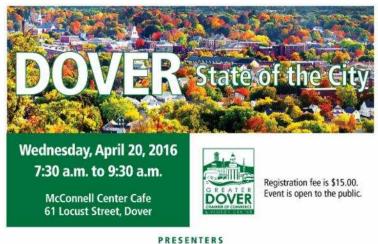
The Dover Planning Board and the Planning Department are now seeking Dover residents interested in volunteering on a committee tasked with overseeing the development of the Stewardship of Resources chapter of the Master Plan. This new chapter will incorporate topics addressed in other chapters of the Master Plan, as well as new topics not in the Master Plan.

As part of the update, the Planning Board will create a Steering Committee to oversee the work and ensure ample opportunity for public participation. The Steering Committee will be comprised of five to seven members who will work closely with the Planning Department and the planning consultant hired by the City. The goal is to have a Steering Committee diverse in interests and areas of expertise. The process is scheduled to begin in March and take approximately six months.

The topics to be addressed in the Stewardship of Resources Chapter were identified during the comprehensive community-wide visioning process as part of its comprehensive master planning process in 2012. Specifically, the Stewardship of Resources Chapter will address the following topics: energy, natural resources, historic and cultural resources, coastal management, natural hazards and social capital.

The Master Plan, a blueprint for the City's future development, is updated every five to 10 years by the Planning Board. The Master Plan is designed to help a community meet change responsibly, guiding its growth in an orderly manner.

For more information, contact Community Development Planner Dave Carpenter at 603-516-6008 or <a href="mailto:d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov">d.carpenter@dover.nh.gov</a>. Those interested in serving on the Steering Committee are asked to respond by March 2, 2016.











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### Dover Chamber to host annual State of the City April 20

The Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce will host the annual state of the city on Wednesday, April 20, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., at the McConnell Center Cafe.

Hear city leaders discuss their vision for the future and priorities for the upcoming year. This year's speakers are City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr., Police Chief Anthony Colarusso, Assistant City Manager of Planning and Strategic Initiatives Christopher Parker, and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Elaine Arbour.

A question-and-answer session will follow the remarks.

The cost of the event is \$15 and is open to the public.

The Chamber encourages those interested in attending to register in advance by clicking here. Registration is required.

The program is sponsored by Eversource.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 603-742-

## Open Lands Committee snowshoeing hike cancelled

The Dover Open Lands Committee full-moon snowshoe hike scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016, has been cancelled, due to the weather forecast and conditions.

For more information, contact City Planner Steve Bird at <a href="mailto:s.bird@dover.nh.gov">s.bird@dover.nh.gov</a> or 603-516-6008.



### Learn the secrets to a toxic-free lawn at March workshop

Want to learn how to have a beautiful lawn without toxic pesticides? The City of Dover and Beyond Pesticides will host a workshop on organic turf management on Thursday, March 31, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 305 at the McConnell Center. The workshop will focus on natural turf management, led by one of the nation's experts on lawn and turf care.

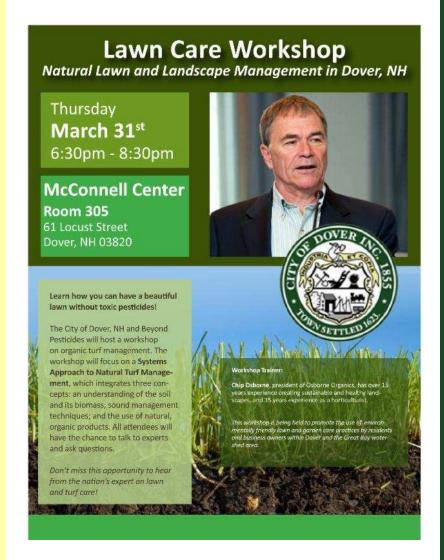
Attendees will have the chance to talk to experts and ask questions.

Speakers include Chip Osborne, president of Osborne Organics. Osborne has over 15 years experience creating sustainable and healthy landscapes, and 35 years experience as a horticulturist. Also attending is Drew Toher, public education associate at Beyond Pesticides, a national nonprofit seeking to protect health and the environment from the harmful effects of toxic pesticides.

Register for this event by email here. Registration will also be available the night of the event.

This session is free and open to residents of Dover and other communities in the Great Bay watershed.

For more information, contact the City Manager's office at 603-516-6023.



### Dover Main Street hosts 'Run Before You Crawl' March 12

Run, walk or crawl, but don't miss the opportunity to participate in the Dover Race Series 2016 kickoff event.
Registration is now open for Dover Main Street's Run Before You Crawl 5K Race and Pub Crawl. This popular event will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016.



The road race begins at 9:30 a.m. The Pub Crawl portion of the event is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 5K road race begins and ends at the Dover Transportation Center. The Pub Crawl spans 14 participating downtown restaurants.

This year's event is underwritten by DF Richard and sponsored by Relyco, TrainRiders Northeast, Kennebunk Savings Bank, Federal Savings Bank and Holy Rosary Credit Union.

For more information or to register, please visit www.runb4ucrawl.com.



The following events are recorded in "Notable Events in the History of Dover, New Hampshire: From the First Settlement in 1623 to 1865," by George Wadleigh, "Historic Rambles About Dover," by Robert A. Whitehouse, "Port of Dover: Two Centuries of Shipping on the Cochecho" by Robert A. Whitehouse and Cathleen C. Beaudoin, and several other historical sources.

For more on the history of Dover, settled in 1623 and the oldest permanent settlement in New Hampshire and seventh oldest in the country, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street; and the Woodman Institute Museum, Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information, located at <a href="http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm">http://www.dover.lib.nh.us/DoverHistory/cityof.htm</a>.



**Feb. 19, 1658** - The town instructed Capt. Richard Waldron, Deputy to the General Court, not to consent to the passage of an act infringing upon their privileges concerning customs or the Beaver trade, or any privileges which formerly they had enjoyed. He was to enter his dissent to all such acts as took away their rights and was to bring home all such laws as were made as other Deputies do.



Feb. 19, 1699 - "The Lt. Governor was pleased to give the Council to understand that this day Capt. John Tuttle of Dover with some other of the inhabitants of said town had been to inform him that the Indians late conversant at Cochecho were all suddenly withdrawn, and that they departed on Thursday night last, supposed to be occasioned by an Indian that came that afternoon out of the woods, and made all dispatch to gather all the Indians together, with whom he went away that night. Some of the squaws who seemed to be well affected to the English discovered a great deal of sorrow, saying they should never see them again, and by their whole carriage gave occasion for suspicion that the Indians designed mischief against us, and desired the Council's advice: - who thought meet that

the Lt. Governor forthwith issue out his order to the Major of the Militia of this Province, wath all expedition requiring him to command all the Captains of the several towns that they immediately appoint Watch and Ward in their several precincts, and that they continue so till further order; and likewise take care that if any Indians come into any of the towns in a peaceable manner they may be civilly treated."



**Feb. 22, 1754** - Petitions for a new parish in Dover, by the name of Somersworth, were presented again this year, and the Assembly appointed a committee "to take a view of such part of Dover as may be necessary in order to judge whether the prayer of the petition ought to be granted or not, and make report thereof as soon as may be, the petitioners to be at the cost and charge thereof."



**Feb. 23, 1814** - A barn belonging to John Tebbetts was burnt by an incendiary and with it 13 head of cattle, 50 tons of hay, and a quantity of cider.



**Feb. 22, 1855** - The Piscataqua Bridge became impassable and its use was discontinued, about 500 feet of it being carried away by the ice.



# City of Dover's online maps resource has new look, features

The City of Dover's online map resource has been updated for easier navigation and access.

Online maps contain a wide variety of public information, including wards and polling places, City Councilor contact information, elementary schools, points of interest, storm maintenance, trash day, zoning and more. Information can be added to a map by toggling layers on and off.

In addition, public property records by address are easily accessible, as well as a street view.

For more information and to access the maps, visit

<u>www.dover.nh.gov/services/online-services/maps-prcs/index.html</u>. The maps can be accessed directly at maps.dover.nh.gov.

## City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment.

The City of Dover is now hiring the following positions:

- Lifeguards
- Swim instructor
- · Truck driver: Utilities
- Account clerks
- Human Resources Director
- Systems Administrator
- Library maintenance mechanic
- Gym attendant
- · Laborer: Facilities and Grounds

For more information about these positions or employment opportunities with the Cityof Dover, <u>click here</u>.

## Dover schools to hold kindergarten, first-grade registration

Dover public schools will soon hold kindergarten and firstgrade registration for children as follows:

- Children five years old by Sept. 30, 2016, entering kindergarten;
- Children six years old by Sept. 30, 2016, entering first grade (if not currently in Dover public kindergarten).

#### **Horne Street School**

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Morton at 516-6756 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 9, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 10, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

#### **Woodman Park Elementary School**

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Rouillard at 516-6700 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 9, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 10, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

#### **Garrison Elementary School**

Registration is by appointment only. Please call Ms. Lilakos at 516-6752 to set up an appointment. Registration hours are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 8, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.;
- Wednesday, March 9, 1-6 p.m.;
- Thursday, March 10, 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.

As part of the registration process, parents registering children for kindergarten are asked to select a half-hour slot for an early screening skills check of their child.

These sessions will be held at the three elementary schools on the following dates:

- **Garrison Elementary**: Thursday, April 7; Tuesday, April 12; and Thursday, April 14.
- Horne Street and Woodman Park schools: Tuesday, April 19; Wednesday, April 20; and Thursday, April 21.

For more information, contact the schools at the phone numbers above.

# Your City needs you! City boards and commissions seek to fill several vacancies

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the energy and talent of citizen participation on boards and commissions.

The City's boards and commissions encourage public participation and are seeking new members to fill several vacant positions.

Joining one of the City's numerous boards commissions not only offers a chance to give back to the community, it can be a rewarding and valuable experience, and helps shape the City's future.

For more information about the important role of the City's boards and commissions, please view the video below. Click on the image to view.



**City of Dover Boards and Commissions** 

For a complete list of the City's boards and commissions, as well as more information about vacancies and how to apply, <u>click here</u>.

To download an application for board and commissions, click here. Completed forms should be returned to the City Clerk's Office. Committee application forms are kept on file for one year from date of submission.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's office at 516-6018.

### CITY OF DOVER @ SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Stay informed with City of Dover special announcements

Want up-to-date information about road work, emergencies, special projects, and other important information? Sign up now to receive special announcements via email.

In addition to Dover Download, the City of Dover offers a variety of e-mail updates, including emergency and road closure information, Police Facility and Parking Garage updates, Silver Street reconstruction news, news from the Public Library, waterfront development, and more.

To sign up for one or all of the City's updates, <u>click here</u>. An e-mail address is required to access the special announcement mailing lists.

### Time to register your vehicle? Save time, register online

Did you know you can save yourself time and a trip to City Hall by registering your vehicle online?

Online vehicle registration renewal is easy, safe and secure. You can register online by providing a PIN number or your license plate number. Your PIN number is provided by the City of Dover and can be found on your renewal notice.

For your convenience, you can now pay for motor vehicle registration by credit card.

For more information on the E-registration process, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

### Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board or Planning Board on Channels 22 and 95, you can catch it again, online and on demand.

Simply visit <u>www.dovernh.viebit.com</u> to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Want to stay up to speed on exciting events and activities in Dover? Sign up for the Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce's weekly newsletter, Peek at the Week, for upto-date information on what's happening in Dover.

Whether it's the schedule for the Cochecho Arts Festival, art exhibits or where to shop for local products, sign up for Peek at the Week, and you'll be ready for the week ahead.

You can sign up to receive the Chamber's Peek at the Week by e-mail <u>here</u>.

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